



where n is an integer from 1 to 21. - -

Rewrite Claim 93 as follows:

-- 93. (amended) A moldable composition comprising a compatible thermoplastic blend of a biodegradable, hydrophobic, water-repellant, amorphous starch ester having a degree of substitution of about 1.1 to about 2.5 DS and a biodegradable polyester selected from the group consisting of poly(6-caprolactone), poly(lactic acid), poly(glycolic acid), poly(hydroxy butyric acid), poly(hydroxy isobutyric acid), poly(hydroxy valeric acid), poly(hydroxybutyrate-co-valerate) and [poly(hydroxy alkanoates).] polyesters derived from hydroxy-carboxylic acids having the formula:



where n is an integer from 1 to 21. - -

Rewrite Claim 98 as follows:

-- 98. (amended) A biodegradeable moldable composition comprising a compatible thermoplastic blend of a biodegradable starch ester having a degree of substitution of about 1.1 to about 2.5 DS and an amylose content of at least 50% consisting of corn starch, potato starch, tapioca starch, rice starch, wheat starch, pea starch, rye starch, oats starch, and barley starch, and a biodegradable polyester selected from the group consisting of poly(6-caprolactone), poly(lactic acid), poly(glycolic acid), poly(hydroxy butyric acid), poly(hydroxy isobutyric acid), poly(hydroxy valeric acid), poly(hydroxybutyrate-co-valerate) and [poly(hydroxy alkanoates).] polyesters derived from hydroxy-carboxylic acids having the formula:



where n is an integer from 1 to 21. - -

#### **REMARKS**

Claims 86, 93, and 98 were amended to replace poly(hydroxy alkanoates) with esters derived from hydroxy-carboxylic acids having the specified formula as described in the specification on page 7, lines 15 to 26.